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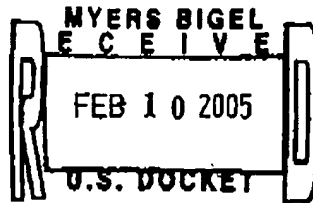
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1. This communication is responsive to Arguments on 10/4/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33.
3. The drawings filed on 17 January 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)-(d) or (f).
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 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not specifically disclose or remotely suggest negotiating security associations (SAs) associated with the DVIPA utilizing an Internet Key Exchange (IKE) component associated with the routing communication protocol stack.

In addition, the Examiner points to the arguments of the Applicant (Arguments on 10/4/04; pp. 10 - 12)

A review of claims 1 - 33, in view of the Examiner's arguments above and in view of the Applicant's arguments, indicates that claims 1 - 33 are allowable over the prior art of record.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R Coulter whose telephone number is 571 272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on 5 4 9.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dhanra can be reached on 571 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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<i>KMC</i>	5	U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/640,409, filed August 17, 2000, entitled "METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR CLUSTER WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION" (Attorney Docket No. 5577-205).					
<i>KMC</i>	6	U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/640,438, filed August 17, 2000, entitled "METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR FAILURE RECOVERY FOR ROUTED VIRTUAL INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESSES" (Attorney Docket No. 5577-206).					
<i>KMC</i>	7	U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/640,412, filed August 17, 2000, entitled "METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR NON-DISRUPTIVELY TRANSFERRING A VIRTUAL INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESS BETWEEN COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL STACKS" (Attorney Docket No. 5577-207).					

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